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In a Japanese Office Action, three references were cited, two of which other than J. Cell. Physiol., 142[3], p. 514-522, 1990 have already been submitted to the USPTO in an IDS.

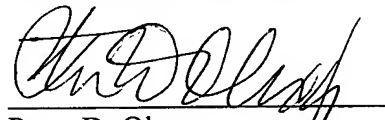
In the Information Disclosure Statement of December 19, 2003, Bovine, et al and Gryglewski RJ et al, appear to be the relevant references.

In the Japanese Office Action, the inventive step of all the claims (corresponding to the claims as originally filed of USSN 08/578,709 (now US 5,814,509), which is the parent of the present application, were denied based on a combination of J. Cell. Physiol. 142[3], p.514-522, 1990 and the other two references.

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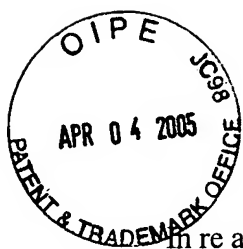
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